

# EXHIBIT A

## PROMISSORY NOTE

\$8,350,000.00

New York, New York  
October 21, 2016

**FOR VALUE RECEIVED KORNBLUTH TEXAS, LLC**, a Texas limited liability company, as maker, having its principal place of business at 302 W. Bay Area Boulevard, Webster, Texas 77598 ("**Borrower**"), hereby unconditionally promises to pay to the order of **RIALTO MORTGAGE FINANCE, LLC**, a Delaware limited liability company, as lender, having an address at 600 Madison Avenue, 12th Floor, New York, New York 10022 ("**Lender**"), or at such other place as the holder hereof may from time to time designate in writing, the principal sum of **EIGHT MILLION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$8,350,000.00)**, in lawful money of the United States of America, with interest thereon to be computed from the date of this Note at the Applicable Interest Rate, and to be paid in accordance with the terms of this Note and that certain Loan Agreement dated the date hereof between Borrower and Lender (the "**Loan Agreement**"). All capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the respective meanings set forth in the Loan Agreement.

### ARTICLE 1: PAYMENT TERMS

Borrower agrees to pay the principal sum of this Note and interest on the unpaid principal sum of this Note from time to time outstanding at the rates and at the times specified in Article II of the Loan Agreement and the outstanding balance of the principal sum of this Note and all accrued and unpaid interest thereon shall be due and payable on the Maturity Date.

### ARTICLE 2: DEFAULT AND ACCELERATION

The Debt shall without notice become immediately due and payable at the option of Lender if any payment required in this Note is not paid on or prior to the date when due or if not paid on the Maturity Date or upon the occurrence of any other Event of Default.

### ARTICLE 3: SECURITY

This Note is secured by the Security Instrument and the other Loan Documents. All of the terms, covenants and conditions contained in the Loan Agreement, the Security Instrument and the other Loan Documents are hereby made part of this Note to the same extent and with the same force as if they were fully set forth herein.

### ARTICLE 4: SAVINGS CLAUSE

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein or in any other Loan Document, (a) all agreements between Borrower and Lender are hereby and shall automatically be limited so that, after taking into account all amounts deemed interest on account of the Debt, the interest contracted for, charged or received by Lender shall never exceed the Maximum Legal Rate, (b) in calculating whether any interest exceeds the Maximum Legal Rate, all such interest shall, to the extent permitted by applicable law, be amortized, prorated, allocated and

spread over the full amount and term of all principal indebtedness of Borrower to Lender so that the rate of interest does not exceed the Maximum Legal Rate, and (c) if through any contingency or event, Lender receives or is deemed to receive interest in excess of the Maximum Legal Rate, any such excess shall be deemed to be immediately reduced to such Maximum Legal Rate and any such excess shall be deemed to have been applied toward payment of the principal of any and all then outstanding indebtedness of Borrower to Lender, or if there is no such indebtedness, shall immediately be returned to Borrower.

#### **ARTICLE 5: NO ORAL CHANGE**

This Note may not be modified, amended, waived, extended, changed, discharged or terminated orally or by any act or failure to act on the part of Borrower or Lender, but only by an agreement in writing signed by the party against whom enforcement of any modification, amendment, waiver, extension, change, discharge or termination is sought.

#### **ARTICLE 6: WAIVERS**

Borrower and all others who may become liable for the payment of all or any part of the Debt do hereby severally waive presentment and demand for payment, notice of dishonor, notice of intention to accelerate, notice of acceleration, protest and notice of protest and non-payment and all other notices of any kind. No release of any security for the Debt or extension of time for payment of this Note or any installment hereof, and no alteration, amendment or waiver of any provision of this Note, the Loan Agreement or the other Loan Documents made by agreement between Lender or any other Person shall release, modify, amend, waive, extend, change, discharge, terminate or affect the liability of Borrower or any other Person who may become liable for the payment of all or any part of the Debt under this Note, the Loan Agreement or the other Loan Documents. No notice to or demand on Borrower shall be deemed to be a waiver of the obligation of Borrower or of the right of Lender to take further action without further notice or demand as provided for in this Note, the Loan Agreement or the other Loan Documents. If Borrower is a partnership or limited liability company, the agreements herein contained shall remain in force and be applicable, notwithstanding any changes in the individuals comprising the partnership or limited liability company, and the term "Borrower," as used herein, shall include any alternate or successor partnership or limited liability company, but any predecessor partnership or limited liability company and their partners or members shall not thereby be released from any liability. If Borrower is a corporation, the agreements contained herein shall remain in full force and be applicable notwithstanding any changes in the shareholders comprising, or the officers and directors relating to, the corporation, and the term "Borrower," as used herein, shall include any alternative or successor corporation, but any predecessor corporation shall not be relieved of liability hereunder. Nothing in the foregoing sentences shall be construed as a consent to, or a waiver of, any prohibition or restriction on transfers of interests in such partnership, limited liability company or corporation, which may be set forth in the Loan Agreement, the Security Instrument or any other Loan Document. If Borrower consists of more than one Person, the obligations and liabilities of each such person hereunder shall be joint and several.

#### **ARTICLE 7: TRANSFER**

Upon the transfer of this Note, Borrower hereby waiving notice of any such transfer, Lender may deliver all the collateral mortgaged, granted, pledged or assigned pursuant to the Loan Documents, or any part thereof, to the transferee who shall thereupon become vested with all the rights herein or under applicable law given to Lender with respect thereto, and Lender shall thereafter forever be relieved and fully discharged from any liability or responsibility in the matter; but Lender shall retain all rights hereby given to it with respect to any liabilities and the collateral not so transferred.

#### **ARTICLE 8: EXCULPATION**

The provisions of Section 8.6 of the Loan Agreement are hereby incorporated by reference into this Note to the same extent and with the same force as if fully set forth herein.

#### **ARTICLE 9: GOVERNING LAW**

(A) THIS NOTE AND THE OBLIGATIONS ARISING HEREUNDER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS APPLICABLE TO CONTRACTS MADE AND PERFORMED IN SUCH STATE (WITHOUT REGARD TO PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICT LAWS) AND ANY APPLICABLE LAW OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

(B) ANY LEGAL SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING AGAINST LENDER OR BORROWER ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS NOTE MAY AT LENDER'S OPTION BE INSTITUTED IN ANY FEDERAL OR STATE COURT IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF NEW YORK, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5-1402 OF THE NEW YORK GENERAL OBLIGATIONS LAW, AND BORROWER WAIVES ANY OBJECTIONS WHICH IT MAY NOW OR HEREAFTER HAVE BASED ON VENUE AND/OR FORUM NON CONVENIENS OF ANY SUCH SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING, AND BORROWER HEREBY IRREVOCABLY SUBMITS TO THE JURISDICTION OF ANY SUCH COURT IN ANY SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING.

#### **ARTICLE 10: NOTICES**

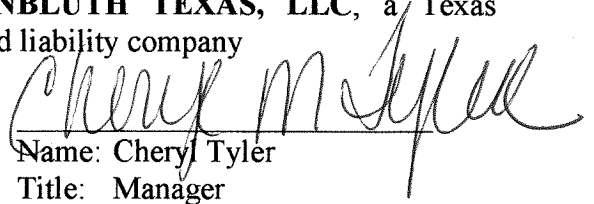
All notices or other written communications hereunder shall be delivered in accordance with Section 9.6 of the Loan Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Borrower has duly executed this Note as of the day and year first above written.

**KORNBLUTH TEXAS, LLC**, a Texas  
limited liability company

By:

  
Name: Cheryl Tyler  
Title: Manager